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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION: INCIDENT INVOLVING POLISH
CONSUL

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1. POLISH AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 3 REFERRED TO AN
INCIDENT INVOLVING THE POLISH CONSUL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS
HIERONYM MAJEK. POLISH EMBASSY INFORMED US OF INCIDENT
ON JANUARY 20 AND WE IN TURN IMMEDIATE NOTIFIED PROTOCOL.
BELOW IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A MEMORANDUM PREPARED
BY THE EMBASSY CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON JANUARY 18TH CONSUL H. MAJEK
TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WENT ABOARD THE SHIP
"LECHOWICZ" IN THE PORT OF NEWARK REMAINING THERE FROM
3:15 TO 5:00 P.M. AFTER LEAVING THE SHIP, MAJEK WAS STOPPED
BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, WHO STATED THAT HE AND HIS CAR WOULD
BE SEARCHED.

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--- CONSUL MAJEK DECLARED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING

EITHER ON HIS PERSON OR IN THE CAR WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES. HE HAD WITH HIM ONLY A MARITIME PROTEST OF THE CAPTAIN, A LIST OF THE CREW, AND

THE SEAL AND STAMP OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AND DECLARED THAT HE HAD IMMUNITY AND WOULD NOT SUCCUMB TO A SEARCH. AFTER THIS DECLARATION THEODORE HARRIS FROM THE U.S. CUSTOMS PATROL DIVISION IN NEWARK ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. HIS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WAS 14. HE DECLARED THAT MAJEK WAS NOT ENTITLED TO ANY IMMUNITY.

--- MAJEK AGAIN DECLARED THAT HE HAD NOTHING WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO DUTY AND THAT HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO A SEARCH VOLUNTARILY. HE DEMANDED PERMISSION TO CONTACT THE POLISH EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; HARRIS TOOK THE DOCUMENTS FROM MAJEK AND AFTER SEVERAL PHONE CALLS SAID THAT MAJEK COULD LEAVE THE PORT NOTING THAT HE WAS SHORTLY DUE TO RETIRE AND YET HE HAD NEVER HAD SUCH AN INCIDENT BEFORE. AFTER THAT STATEMENT MAJEK SAID THAT HE COULD "UNOFFICIALLY" OPEN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR AND HARRIS WOULD BE CONVINCED THAT HE DID NOT POSSESS ANYTHING WHICH WAS SUBJECT TO DUTY. HARRIS DID NOT TAKE UP THE OFFER. END TEXT.
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